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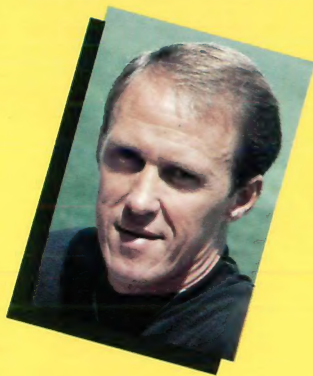


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# PHIL'S PAGE



CARDIFF City have done so well over the past few weeks that I am expecting a hard game this afternoon.

Full marks to Len Ashurst for the work he has done in the short time since he became manager. He has brought in a few new faces and, under his inspiration, his team has put together a string of good results, including an excellent FA Cup performance against Queens Park Rangers.

One of those new faces I referred to is familiar to everyone here at Burnden. I understand Jeff Chandler has been injured recently, so he may not play. But we welcome him this afternoon whether on the field or just visiting.

We enter the second half of the season with a clear picture of what is expected of us.

Apart from Reading we have now played all our Third Division rivals and been able to get a close look at the competition we face for the spoils of the campaign. My view is that we should be encouraged by what we have seen so far. We have performed remarkably well over the Christmas and New Year period and, combined with the victory over Lincoln in the Leyland DAF Cup, we've been able to string together a six-match un-beaten run.

I think we would all like to be in a position to repeat the impressive run we put together at the end of last season but it is important to note that we can take nothing for granted—as Northampton illustrated when they came here recently.

The message is getting through. The players know the importance of taking one game at a time, whatever the opposition. And I'm sure the supporters know the valuable contribution they can make.

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	Highest Att. 1988-89	Avg. Att. 1988-89	Avg. Att. 1988-89	Increase (Decrease)	Top Scorer 1988-89 (League)
Birmingham C.	11277 v Bristol C	8690	6265	+2425	Bailey 9
Blackpool	5737 v Birmingham	3962	4276	-314	Madden 4, Garner 4
Bolton W.	10628 v Bury	6927	5528	+1399	Philliskirk 7, Darby 7, Reeves 7
Brentford	7962 v Fulham	5679	5681	-2	Holdsworth 11
Bristol C.	17432 v Bristol R.	9728	8120	+1608	Taylor 12
Bristol R.	6821 v Tranmere	5652	5259	+393	Mehew 9
Bury	4715 v Preston	3348	3367	-19	Robinson 13
Cardiff	6372 v Bristol R.	3960	4384	-324	Pike 10
Chester C.	3156 v Wigan	2338	3055	-717	Newhouse 4, Abel 4, Pointer 4
Crewe A.	4786 v Notts C.	3613	3296	+317	Fishenden 5
Fulham	6089 v Bristol C	4263	4938	-675	Walker 7
Huddfield T.	8483 v Bury	6154	5821	+333	Smith 7
Leyton Orient	5817 v Fulham	4415	3793	+622	Cooper 9
Mansfield T.	6384 v Rotherham	3542	4005	-463	Christie 6
Northampton T.	4088 v Bristol C.	3453	3918	-465	Barnes 11
Notts. Co.	7819 v Shrewsbury	5766	5675	+91	Johnson 8
Preston NE	9135 v Bolton	6602	7737	-1135	Mooney 7
Reading	5586 v Brentford	4295	5105	-810	Senior 9
Rotherham U.	7750 v Bristol R.	5904	5063	+841	Williamson 16
Shrewsbury T.	5118 v Crewe	3855	4706	-851	McGinlay 11
Swansea C.	12244 v Cardiff	4459	4896	-437	Melville 5
Tranmere R.	9020 v Crewe	7003	5331	+1672	Muir 11
Walsall	5693 v Crewe	4391	6108	-717	Rimmer 6
Wigan A.	3136 v Tranmere	2451	3151	-700	Hidhich 7

*League matches only, up to and including 13.1.90.*

## Leyland DAF Cup • Season 1989/90 Draw for Area Quarter Finals NORTHERN SECTION

Wigan Athletic	v	Doncaster Rovers
Tranmere Rovers	v	Blackpool or Chester C.
Bolton Wanderers	v	Rotherham Utd
Halifax Town	v	Stockport County

*Matches due to be played week commencing 29th January, 1990.*

## FULHAM FIGHT FOR THEIR FUTURE AT CRAVEN COTTAGE

The Public Inquiry by the Department of the Environment on the decision by Hammersmith and Fulham Council to place a compulsory purchase order on Craven Cottage opens at the end of January. This represents the climax of a three year fight by Fulham Football Club to stay at the sight and ward off the threat from property developers. If the Council are successful with their compulsory purchase order, then the future of football at Craven Cottage will be secured indefinitely.

Letters of support stating the case for keeping Fulham Football Club at its traditional home can be sent to the Inspector of the Public Inquiry, who will consider them all, as at the end of the day, the part played by public opinion could be absolutely crucial to the outcome of the inquiry.

Letters should be addressed to **The Inspector, Fulham FC Public Inquiry, c/o The Solicitor, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Riverview House, Beavor Lane, Hammersmith, London W6** or direct to the club who will forward them on.





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## LEAGUE SPELL OUT RESPONSIBILITIES TO TOP OFFICIALS

Following the damaging scenes at a number of matches in the first half of the season, with players becoming involved in mass protest and confrontation, the Football League has taken the unprecedented step of writing to all match officials to tell them that they have the Management Committee's full support in their efforts to counteract such unseemly and harmful occurrences. The League particularly cites situations where 'a common-sense or low-key approach to on-field indiscipline has not had the desired effect'.

Indeed, there is growing concern that the low-key approach preferred by some experienced officials, is adding to the pressures on referees across the board. Match officials have, therefore, been reminded of their responsibilities to apply the laws of the game with the authority vested in them.

21.12.89.

Krasimir Stamenov  
UL. HR. Chernopeev BL 141-A  
1113 Sofia  
Bulgaria.

Dear Sir,

I'm Bulgarian football fan, born and living in Sofia. I'm keen supporter of the British football. I think that the English League is the most interesting in the World.

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I wish to you, the staff, the manager and the players of Bolton Wanderers FC much health, success everywhere and many, many wins on the football field during the coming 1990 year!

Yours faithfully,  
Krasimir Stamenov

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3 1989-90

### TOP SCORERS (Lge. only)

16 Williamson (Rotherham)  
13 Robinson (Bury)  
12 Taylor (Bristol C.)  
11 Barnes (Northampton),  
Holdsworth (Brentford), McGinlay  
(Shrewsbury), Muir (Tranmere)  
10 Pike (Cardiff)

### HIGHEST ATTENDANCES

17,432 Bristol C. v Bristol R.  
12,244 Swansea C. v Cardiff C.  
11,994 Bristol C. v Bolton W.  
11,803 Bristol C. v Preston NE  
11,277 Birmingham C. v Bristol C.

### LOWEST ATTENDANCES

1,722 Chester C. v Leyton O.  
1,882 Chester C. v Birmingham C.  
2,019 Wigan A. v Reading  
2,135 Chester C. v Fulham  
2,168 Chester C. v Bury

### HIGHEST WINS

Tranmere R. 6-0 Bristol C.  
Rotherham U. 5-0 Chester C.  
Preston NE 5-0 Chester C.  
Rotham U. 5-1 Birmingham C.  
Rotherham U. 5-2 Leyton O.  
Fulham 2-5 Cardiff C.

### TEAMS

**Most Goals For**—Rotherham U.

47, Bury 41, Tranmere R. 41.

**Fewest Goals For**—Walsall 19,  
Blackpool 20, Swansea C. 21.

**Most Goals Against**—Preston  
NE 43, Brentford 40, Leyton O.  
38.

**Fewest Goals Against**—Bristol  
R. 17, Bristol C. 20, Bolton W.  
25, Notts Co. 25.

**Most Wins**—Bristol C. 13.

**Fewest Wins**—Walsall 5,  
Blackpool 5.

**Most Defeats**—Brentford 13,  
Mansfield 13.

**Fewest Defeats**—Bristol R. 3

**Most Draws**—Seven teams 9



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# PLAYER PROFILE

## JULIAN DARBY

**Name:** Julian Darby  
**Place/Date of Birth:** Bolton/3.10.67.  
**Married:** Yes to Judith  
**Children:** No  
**Favourite Other Team:** —  
**Favourite Away Ground:** Old Trafford/Anfield  
**Best Player you have seen in your position:** Robson  
**Best Goal scored and how:** v Cardiff this year, long range shot.  
**Best Goal seen:** Frank Worthington v Ipswich  
**Best Sporting Moment outside Football:**

Beating Yanks in Ryder Cup.

**The Liveliest Character you have met in football:**

Trevor Morgan

**Details of your First Match:**

v Blackpool, Easter Monday 1986, lost 3-1.

**Your worst moment on the football field:** Seeing ball slip over line against Swindon (3rd replay)  
**The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch:** The Sumo somersault.  
**Your best pal in football:** Mark Winstanley  
**The best and worst dressers among your team mates:** Phil Brown/Ian Stevens  
**Do you have any hobbies:** Golf, Snooker, listening to Dave Higson videos.  
**With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?:** Nick Faldo  
**Your favourite newspaper:** Daily Express  
**Your favourite holiday spot:** Florida, Crete.  
**Biggest risk taken in your life:** Changing next to Ian Stevens every day.  
**Happiest moment outside football:** Married to Judith last year.





# VISITORS FILE VISITORS

## CARDIFF CITY



**T**his afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Cardiff City to Burnden Park. The Bluebirds were promoted from Division Four along with ourselves and champions Wolves in the 1987-88 season and so are now in the middle of their second season back in Division Three. Their promotion campaign saw them gain 85 League points, seven more than the Wanderers and five behind Wolves. Last season Cardiff finished in 16th place in the League with 57 points, three clear of rele-

gated Southend. Home form was consistent with 10 wins, 9 draws and only four defeats but on their travels Cardiff gained only four victories and lost 13 times, including an early season 0-4 defeat at Burnden Park. Last season's leading scorers Jimmy Gilligan and Kevin Bartlett have moved on and there have been a number of other changes at Ninian Park with a newly appointed manager, Len Ashurst, taking over in late August, 1989.

The experienced and well respected Ashurst is remembered for his long playing spell at Sunderland, where as a consistent full back he made 409 League appearances. He first ventured into management as a player manager with Hartlepool in 1971. He has since managed Gillingham, Sheffield Wednesday, Newport County, Cardiff City and Sunderland and also had a spell working in the Middle East. He is now in his second managerial spell at Ninian Park. Ashurst has been putting all his experience to good use to bring about a revival in Cardiff's fortunes and 31 players have made first team appearances so far this season as he has searched for the right blend.

Cardiff's season began most disappointingly. They did not record their first League win until the ninth game, an excellent 3-2 victory at Huddersfield Town, and full points were not gained at home until a 3-1 win over Bury in early November. With 5 wins and 4 draws in their last ten League games, however, Cardiff are in good form of late. Away performances recently have been most encouraging with a 1-0 win at Swansea and a 2-0 win at Walsall over the Christmas period. Cardiff

are unbeaten in their last five away League games.

In the Littlewoods Cup Cardiff went out at the first round stage, losing 2-3 on aggregate to Second Division Plymouth. In the FA Cup victories over non league sides Halesowen and Gloucester City earned a plum third round tie against QPR. Cardiff drew 0-0 at Ninian Park in front of a bumper crowd of 13,834 and lost 0-2 in the replay at Loftus Road. In the Leyland DAF Trophy Cardiff failed to get past the group stages, losing 3-5 at home to Walsall and 0-4 at Shrewsbury.

### FORM GUIDE

#### Last 10 games

Crewe A	(a) D 1-1
Gloucester C.	(h) D 2-2 (FAC 2)
Gloucester C.	(a) W 1-0 (FAC 2R)
Notts C.	(h) L 1-3
Shrewsb'y T.	(a) L 0-4 (LDT)
Swansea C.	(a) W 1-0
Walsall	(a) W 2-0
QPR	(h) D 0-0
QPR	(a) L 0-2 (FAC3R)
Tranmere R.	(h) D 0-0

### SCORERS (Lge & Cup)

Pike 12, Griffith 5, Morgan 4, Barnard 4, Scott 3, Lynex 2, Gilligan 1, Fry 1, Kelly 1, Powell 1, Abraham 1, Rogerson 1, OG 1.

Goalkeeper **Roger Hansbury** was signed recently from Birmingham City for £25,000 after an impressive loan spell. The much travelled keeper is nearing 300 League appearances made for eight different clubs including Norwich City, Burnley and Cambridge Utd. Earlier in his career Roger spent a brief loan spell at Burnden Park without making a League appearance for the Wanderers. Currently in reserve is the experience Scottish born goalkeeper **George Wood**, a veteran of 539 League games for Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal, Crystal Palace and Cardiff City. Teenager **Gavin Ward**, signed on trial forms from West Brom, and now being groomed as Hansbury's understudy, has made 4 first team appearances this season.

Full back **Ian Rogerson** has been earning rave reviews for his displays this season. He made 100 League appearances for his home

## FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	League		Top Scorer
			Lge Cup	FA Cup	
1984-85	2	21st	2	1	Gibbins 40
1985-86	3	22nd	1	1	Ford 44, Mullen 44
1986-87	4	13th	4	4	Wimbledon 46, Boyle 46
1987-88	4	2nd	1	1	Boyle 46, Gilligan 46
1988-89	3	16th	2	3	Gilligan 46





# VISITORS FILE VISITORS

town club Hereford United before moving to Ninian Park for a tribunal set fee of £35,000 in 1988 and is the captain of the side. **Ray Daniel** joined Cardiff in the summer for £40,000 from Hull City. Formerly with Luton Town, the left sided defender has established himself as a first team regular at Ninian Park. The teenage Newport born central defender **Jason Perry** made his Cardiff debut as a 16 year old in 1987 and has begun to play regular first team football for the first team this season. He is partnered in the centre of defence by the experienced **Roger Gibbins** who has spent much of his career in midfield and attack. The Enfield born sweeper is now in his second spell with Cardiff, having also played for Oxford, Norwich, Cambridge, Swansea and Newport as well as a spell in American football, and has made 479 League appearances.

Midfield dynamo **Leigh Barnard** was signed from Swindon Town for £25,000 in October. An experienced performer with over 300 League games for Portsmouth, Swindon, Peterborough (loan) and Exeter (loan) behind him, he has been a most influential figure in Cardiff's recent revival. 19 year old **Jon Morgan** is in his second season as a full professional. The talented midfielder, a local product, has begun to claim a regular place this season impressing in a wide role. **Alan Lewis** is a teenage defender who hails from Mountain



*Back Row-left to right: Jimmy Goodfellow (Physio), Richard Haig, Gareth Abraham, Morris Scott, George Wood, Pat O'Hagan, Chris Pike, Roger Gibbins, Jeff Chandler, Leigh Barnard. Front Row: Jon Morgan, Chris Fry, Steve Lynex, Ray Daniel, Mr. J.A. Clemo (Chairman), Ian Rodgerson (Captain), Mr. L. Ashurst (Team Manager), Cohen Griffith, Mark Kelly, Jeffrey Doman, Jason Perry.*

Ash. The former youth team player has figured in the first team squad this season and is regarded as a likely prospect.

Leading goalscorer **Chris Pike** was a preseason signing from Fulham. Cardiff born, the former Barry Town striker saw his career at Craven Cottage ravaged by injury but is now back to full fitness. The 6ft. 2 ins. Pike has formed a promising attacking partnership with the former Kettering Town striker **Cohen Griffith**, who came to Ninian Park last September. One of the heroes of Kettering's fine FA Cup run last season, Griffith scored on his League debut in Cardiff's first win of the season at Huddersfield Town and has impressed with the speed he has adapted to League football.

Merthyr born defender **Gareth Abraham** is another young player for whom a bright future is predicted. The former Cardiff youth team member established himself in the first team last season and has again figured regularly so far this term. **Steve Lynex** is an experienced midfielder or striker who has previously played for Birmingham City, Leicester City and West Brom, as well as a spell in Irish football with Shamrock Rovers. A regular in his first season at Ninian Park in 1988-89, Steve recently made his 350th League appearance (74 goals). **Mark**

**Kelly** is a left sided midfield player who was formerly with Shrewsbury Town. Now in his third season at Ninian Park, where he was given his first opportunity of League football, the Blackpool born 23 year old has made over 80 League appearances for Cardiff.

19 year old **Morris Scott** joined Cardiff after being released by hometown Swansea. He made a fairytale full debut for the Bluebirds with two goals against Gloucester City in the FA Cup and then he scored the only goal in the replay. **Chris Fry** is a locally born young winger who has been a regular substitute for the first team this season. Pontypridd born forward **Richard Haig** is another youngster waiting in the wings for a regular first team place. Last but not least, **Jeff Chandler** has made 9 appearances so far for Cardiff after his move from Burnden Park, getting off to a winning start as his new side beat Bury 3-1 at Ninian Park on his debut on 3rd November. The popular winger has been sidelined recently with injury and will be disappointed if he misses his return to Burnden today.





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# MATCH REPORT

**Saturday, 13th January**

## THE THIRD DIMENSION

One week ago and it's all change again at the top. Leaders **NOTTS COUNTY** could only manage a scoreless draw at **BLACKPOOL** while **BRISTOL CITY** were romping to a 4-0 victory at **BIRMINGHAM** and leapfrog to pole position one precious point clear.

Promotion chasers **BRISTOL CITY** obviously underestimated lowly **MANSFIELD** who come back five minutes from time to clinch a 1-1 draw. **BURY** earned themselves some verbal from manager Sam Ellis after allowing **PRESTON** off the hook twice. Former Wanderer Warren Joyce set his side on the 2-1 victory road at Gigg Lane.

Bolton's fortunes in the capital look to have changed

for the better. There was a time when countless journeys south proved fruitless but on-loan defender Martin Pike set Wanderers off to a first minute flyer at Craven Cottage. **FULHAM**'s persistence eventually paid off in the 7th. Stuart Storer recovered Bolton's lead in the 26th minute to notch his third goal in four outings. David Felgate was forced to make two important stops as Fulham looked for the equaliser. This came in the 40th minute. The second period produced a lot of action but no further goals and by the final whistle Bolton were glad to hang on for the single away point. Next round Leyland DAF opponents **ROTHERHAM** faltered at Millmoor, going down to bubbling Wigan, 2-1.

In the **SECOND DIVISION** Match of the Day was staged at Ewood park where **BLACKBURN** entertained table toppers **LEEDS UNITED**. Simon Garner shot Rovers into a 2nd minute lead before Lee Chapman, signed during the week from Notts Forest, levelled and Gordon Strachan scored the vital winner to send the travelling supporters home happy. Second placed **SHEFFIELD UNITED** earned a creditable 1-1 draw at **IPSWICH** but **LEEDS** are now four points clear. **SWINDON** are currently attracting more

publicity off the field but unperturbed manager Ossie Ardiles kept the distractions away from his players who finished conquerors of Joe Royle's highly respected **OLDHAM** by a 3-2 scoreline. The victory shot Ossie's men into third spot.

**LIVERPOOL** still lead the **FIRST DIVISION**—but only just. John Ryan, newly appointed manager at lowly **LUTON** almost pulled off the surprise of the day at Anfield when the 'Hatters' took a 2-1 lead but a Steve Nicol leveller was the best Liverpool could muster on the day.

**ARSENAL** failed to dominate at **WIMBLEDON** and the solitary Don's winner came in the 88th minute. **ASTON VILLA** seem unstoppable in their present mood. After chalking up their sixth away win of the season at **CHARLTON** sends them joint top. It took a Norman Whiteside 'double' to clinch a creditable 2-2 draw for **EVERTON** at in form **SOUTHAMPTON** but **MANCHESTER UNITED** suffered their fourth home defeat of the season at the hands of **DERBY** to a 2-1 scoreline. Howard Kendall's new look **MANCHESTER CITY** continue their bid to avoid a quick relegation. At **TOTTENHAM** a Colin Hendry equaliser earned a valuable away point.

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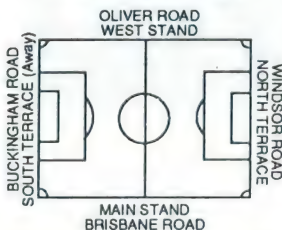
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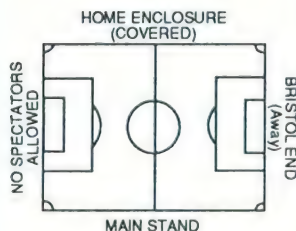
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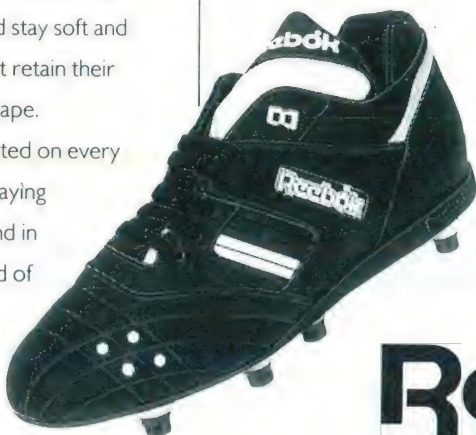
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## LOOKING BACK

**20th January**



**JOE SMITH**

**Scored at Oldham on  
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**1900**—The Wanderers went down to only their second League defeat of the season when a first half goal gave Lincoln City the points at Sincil Bank.

**1901**—A 2-1 win at Stoke was secured thanks to goals from Sam Marsh and Wattie White. This was Bolton's third consecutive League win and was to continue for a further six games.

**1912**—Bolton gave a debut in goal to James Tyldesley who had been signed from Westhoughton. Unfortunately he was on the wrong end of a 3-1 defeat at Oldham where Joe Smith scored the Wanderers goal.

**1917**—Blackburn Rovers hit Bolton for five in a Lancashire section War game at Ewood Park. Jim Pickup hit a consolation goal for the Wanderers who have now gone five games without a win.

**1923**—Sheffield United managed to take a point from a 1-1 draw at Burnden Park but the result kept the Wanderers' unbeaten home record intact. John Smith was

on the mark for Bolton.

**1937**—A goal from winger David Halford, playing only his sixth game of the season, gave Bolton a third round FA Cup replay win over West Ham at Burnden. Norwich City now awaited Bolton in the next round.

**1940**—Bury ended the Wanderers unbeaten run of four games when they won 4-1 at Gigg Lane in the North West Division of the War Regional League. Bolton's goal came from a John Connor penalty.

**1962**—The Wanderers drew 1-1 with Cardiff City at Burnden with Dennis Stevens, playing as an emergency centre forward, finding the net for Bolton.

**1974**—A crowd of 23,315 were at Burnden for the first ever football League game to be staged at the ground on a Sunday. Ernie Hunt gave Bristol City an early lead but a Geoff Merrick own goal and one from Roy Greaves gave Bolton a 2-1 win.

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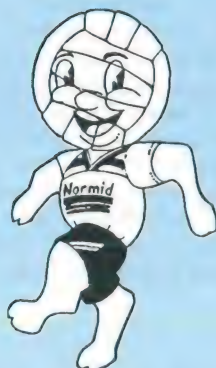




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# Safe Hans

**"Today's game  
could well be a  
tough one."**



Before travelling down to Fulham last weekend, I decided to take a look at Third Division rivals Chester and Brentford who played on the Friday night. It was quite an interesting encounter with local lad Barry Butler from Atherton playing very well in the sweeper role. Both sides were at the wrong end of the Table but the game was good to watch, unfortunately from Chester's view point it only attracted just over 2,200 fans with quite a good following from the London side included in that.

The next day of course saw us at Fulham, always a game that produces fine attractive football and this time plenty of goals as well. A well taken goal opened proceedings from Martin Pike and after Fulham equalised within six minutes, Stuart Storer nipped in with his third League goal in succession to restore our advantage, but once again things were all square by the interval. The second half was played out without any further goals but both sides had openings to settle it and I suppose the draw was the fair result in the end.

Travelling home from the longer away destinations can sometimes cause problems with traffic and roadworks to contend with but trying to get the few miles from Fulham's Hammersmith area to the M1 on the notorious North Circular Road is the equivalent of having to watch 'Prisoner Cell Block H' non stop for a week, in other words it's a nightmare.

Moving onto today's game with our friends from the Valleys, Cardiff City, it gives us the opportunity to record our first double of the season after our fine 2-0 win at Ninian Park back on the opening day of

the current campaign in August. Plenty of changes have occurred since we last met with Len Ashurst taking over the reigns and he has made a number of signings including of course our old favourite Jeff Chandler, who to all accounts has already done a fine job for his new club until recently missing a couple of games through injury. The Welsh side gave First Division Q.P.R. a run for their money in the F.A. Cup a couple of weeks ago only going down late on in the replay at Brisbane Road, so today's game could well be a tough one.

With the two Bristol clubs still going very well at the top of the table it's going to be very intriguing when we meet these two teams, in fact the Bristol Rovers game is next on our promotion horizon when we visit them next weekend. Rovers have done very well considering they have sold two jewels in their crown in Martyn and Penrice but with the shrewd Gerry Francis in charge it's no surprise that the Pirates are still very much in the hunt.

Visiting Twerton Park is quite an eye opener for a number of reasons, the one that stands out for me is the M.C. that introduces the teams onto the pitch, he really does try to get the crowd behind the team; but on one occasion recently when they played Tranmere he said "Let's give our visitors a round of applause for any side that can beat Bristol City 6-0 deserves it."

Enjoy the game this afternoon; let's hope it's rewarding come quarter to five

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### PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989/90

Aug.	23	Sheffield W.	A	1-1
	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	P
	13	Middlesbrough	H	1-4
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	P
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	3-4
	10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
	17	York City	A	
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	
	31	Burnley	H	
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesbrough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

### 3rd January, 1990. Stoke City Reserves . . . 4 Bolton Wanderers Reserves . . . 3

A second half performance that saw the Wanderers create a catalogue of chances proved to be of little comfort when Stoke hit the decisive goal of the game just two minutes from time.

Ian Scott fired Stoke in front in the 16th minute but Bolton struck back to equalise seven minutes later. From the home sides point of view it was a needless penalty conceded when 'keeper Daniel Noble pushed Nicky Brookman at a right wing corner. Paul Hughes made no mistake from the spot kick.

The opening six minutes of the second half were disaster for Bolton with Nicky Morgan and Steve Reaney hitting the target to give the home side a two goal advantage.

From then on it was Bolton who took command and they deservedly pulled a goal back in the 56th minute when Nicky Brookman hit the ball into an empty net after 'keeper Daniel Noble had dropped the ball under pressure from Ian Stevens.

Chances then came thick and fast, Alan Stubbs having a header cleared off the line, Brookman had what looked to be a perfectly good goal disallowed by the referee for an infringement on the 'keeper, Stevens shot wide when clean through and Paul Comstive saw a goalbound header scrambled away.

The Wanderers continued to plug away and got their reward in the 78th minute when a left

wing cross from Paul Comstive was turned into the net by Nicky Brookman for the equaliser.

Thoughts were now turned to securing maximum points but with two minutes left Stoke broke away and Ian Scott was allowed a free run to shoot home the winner.

#### TEAMS

**Bolton:** Rose, Hughes, Oliver, Spooner, Came, Stubbs, Henshaw, Comstive, Brookman, Stevens, Savage. Subs: Fisher, Mason.

**Stoke:** Noble, Reaney, Statham, Scott, Ware, Skilling, Boughiey, Hackett, Morgan, Ritchie, Hope. Subs: Baines, Venning.

#### PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (as at 7.1.90.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolver'mpton W.	17	9	6	2	34	20	33
Sunderland	18	9	5	4	31	19	32
Scunthorpe Utd.	16	9	4	3	27	15	31
Rotherham Utd.	16	9	3	4	24	13	30
Sheffield W.	17	9	2	6	34	15	29
Stoke City	17	7	5	5	28	22	26
West Brom. A.	17	6	6	5	33	21	24
Middlesbrough	17	5	9	3	24	15	24
Mansfield T.	17	7	3	7	24	33	24
Port Vale	17	6	5	6	33	37	23
Blackpool	18	5	8	5	19	26	23
Barnsley	18	6	3	9	23	28	21
Preston N.E.	17	6	3	8	17	28	21
Burnley	15	6	2	7	18	24	20
York City	16	6	0	10	22	33	18
Wigan Ath.	15	4	3	8	18	29	15
Bolton W.	15	3	3	9	22	33	12
Grimsby T.	15	0	4	11	16	36	4





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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

## BERT SPROSTON

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"It's a pleasure to talk to you" were Bert's appreciative concluding words from this interesting gentleman. Now in his 75th year Bert Sproston is a very respected person among players of yesteryear and one of the most loyal to serve Bolton Wanderers for three decades, as the man with the magic sponge. But Bert was a footballing star of his era and represented England on a European tour of France, Germany and Switzerland for 10 shillings a day spending money and a cheque for £32 on arrival home.

He started his playing career at Leeds in 1933 where he spent five seasons. Bert explained, "Heavy debts had forced the Club to accept a £10,500 offer from Spurs. It was a record fee for a defender at the time and I got £500 benefit money from Leeds." The wages at Tottenham then were £10 in the winter and £8 in summer.

After six months Manchester City heard of Bert's unsettlement in the south and paid a similar fee for his services. "I'd played for the Football League v the Irish League at Wolves and was told to stay on at the hotel and report for Spurs at Maine Road on the following Saturday when a telegram arrived. It read 'Offer accepted from City, suggest you sign.' I did and played for my new club against my old one and City won 2-1."

When war intervened Bert had to serve his country but upon demobilization it was back to Maine Road to help them win the Division 2 Championship in 1946/47. When Bill Riding was made

manager at Bolton a vacancy became available for trainer. "I applied and got the job and took on the physio, and conditioning work. They were good lads with Nat and Billy Moir. I remember my first game against Aston Villa and Harry Webster scoring two goals to win the match", he said. Bert prepared Bolton for two FA Cup Finals in 1953 and '58. Of the famous Blackpool Final he recalled, "We were going great guns up to Eric Bell's injury and from then on Ernie Taylor was making a lot of the play. Stan Matthews was dreaming on the wing and only woke up after the second goal but he then took Ralph Banks to task."

Bert has of course been called upon to tend many injuries on the field and he explained, "Before splashing the sponge around you have to diagnose the injury first. I remember once attending to Gordon Taylor and when I asked where the injury was he replied 'it's sort of all over' so I told him I'd start with the ankle."

Bert still attends matches at Maine Road and is watching Howard Kendall's progress. He said, "He's tightened up the defence and has in mind the saying—If you're not going to give a goal away you're not going to lose."

Occasionally Bert will recommend a player who has potential but confesses to letting one slip through the net. "That is Lee Dixon", he said, "I misjudged him when he was at Bury but the lad's proved me wrong."

Bert, who only ever missed one game with Bolton due to his son's wedding, still lives in the Crompton Way area of the town.



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## RECOLLECTIONS



### **"On their way to Second Division Championship"**

*Photo: Julian Darby's spectacular goal against Cardiff in September 1988.*



The Wanderers will today be looking to keep up their impressive home run against Cardiff which has seen the Welshmen lose eight and draw once in their last nine visits going back to 1974.

Indeed they haven't found the net on their last four Burnden Park visits but that hasn't meant a shortage of goals.

In September 1988 Bolton handed out a 4-0 defeat with all the goals coming in the second half. John Thomas, Gary Henshaw and two from Julian Darby earned the Wanderers their first Third Division point of the season.

Twelve months earlier, a Jeff Chandler goal separated the teams at Burnden in a Fourth Division encounter, the former Wanderer now being a member of Cardiff's ranks.

March 1986 saw the Wanderers put five past Cardiff without reply. Warren Joyce, Mark

Came on his 50th League appearance, Phil Neal, George Oghani and Tony Caldwell were the scorers with the player-manager striking his first for the club.

In the Second Division during 1981/82 a Paul Jones penalty was enough to win the points for Bolton whilst it was in February 1981 that a Cardiff player last found the net at Burnden. John Buchanan scored twice for City as they went down 4-2 to a couple of John Thomas goals and on each from Phil Wilson and Dusan Nikolic.

Perhaps one of the most exciting games between the clubs took place in December 1977 when Bolton ran out 6-3 winners on their way to the Second Division championship.

Keith Robson gave City a 15th minute lead before Paul Jones grabbed a couple and Peter Reid added a third to put Bolton in the driving seat. Peter Sayer pulled one back for Cardiff before the interval but second half goals from Mike Walsh, Neil Whatmore and Willie Morgan secured a Wanderers win with Ray Bishop hitting a late goal for City.

Earlier this season Bolton won 2-0 at Ninian Park with Tony Philliskirk and Julian Darby getting the goals.

Our overall League record against Cardiff is as follows:

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	31	19	6	6	58	24	
Away	32	12	5	15	39	37	
Total	63	31	11	21	97	61	





During the close season the cycling track at Burden Park was removed thus making room for more spectators. Bolton Corporation renewed the lease of the ground for a further ten years, on the original terms, and the main stand on Manchester Road was erected at a cost of £3,500. The new construction provided accommodation for 6,000 spectators, 3,420 of whom could be seated.

Having won promotion new talent was recruited in an attempt to strengthen the side. Edwin Jones from Tyldesley Albion, Charles Beckett from Atherton and Tom Wolstenholme from

Blackpool were all recruited, but the most satisfying signing was that of Herbert Bavestock from Brierley Hill Alliance, a defender who was to give the Wanderers many years service.

Archie Taylor left to join Bristol Rovers and James Picken went to Manchester United where he became their leading scorer after helping them return to the First Division.

The first half of the season was full of disappointment. Only two points were taken from the first five games and by the end of October thirteen points from a possible eighteen had slipped away.

One problem that the Wanderers didn't have was scoring goals. The forward line of Stokes, Marsh,

Shepherd, White and McEwan became the most feared in the First Division, so much so that Bolton were the League's leading goalscorers at the end of the season with a total of 81.

November saw a change in fortunes when three consecutive home games were won with fifteen goals being put into the opponents' net and none conceded. Albert Shepherd grabbed four goals in a 6-0 win over Nottingham Forest and a Sam Marsh hat trick was the highlight of a 5-0 win over Derby County.

Things looked much healthier by the turn of the year even though a 5-2 reverse was suffered at Sheffield United. The first nine League games of 1906 were all won





although only two of these were away from Burnden. Albert Shepherd again found the net four times in the 6-2 win over Sunderland but there was disappointment when lowly Middlesbrough knocked the Wanderers out of the FA Cup by 3-0 at Ayresome Park.

The impressive run of League results came to an end in March and only three of the final nine games were won. One of these was a 3-2 win at Burnden over Liverpool who took the League Championship twelve months after winning promotion with Bolton.

Burnden's League record attendance was again increased when 37,322 attended a 3-1 defeat by Manchester City.

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### Manchester Cup Winners 1906

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Gaskell, Broomfield,  
Clifford, Boyd, Struthers,  
W. Tate, J. Somerville.*

#### Middle Row

*P. Ward, Dempsey,  
Cameron, Marsh,  
Shepherd, White, J.  
Hodgkinson, W. Hamer.*

#### Front Row

*Stoker, McEwan.*

19 League games played at Burnden giving an average of over 19,000 per game.

The side during 1905/06 was built around six players. David Stokes, Wattie White and John Boyd were everpresents whilst both Herbert Baverstock and Marshall McEwan only missed the opening game of the campaign. 'Keeper Dai Davies missed only three games, his understudy, Herbert Broomfield, keeping two clean sheets in his absence.

The Seasons haul of 41 points was the club's best in the First Division to date and gave a final position of sixth. The Manchester Cup was won by defeating Bury 3-0 at Clayton although four attempts were required to defeat Manchester City in the first round.

And so after a successful term on the field the season finished as it had started with further ground improvements. Thirty two terraces being laid on the slope of the embankment.



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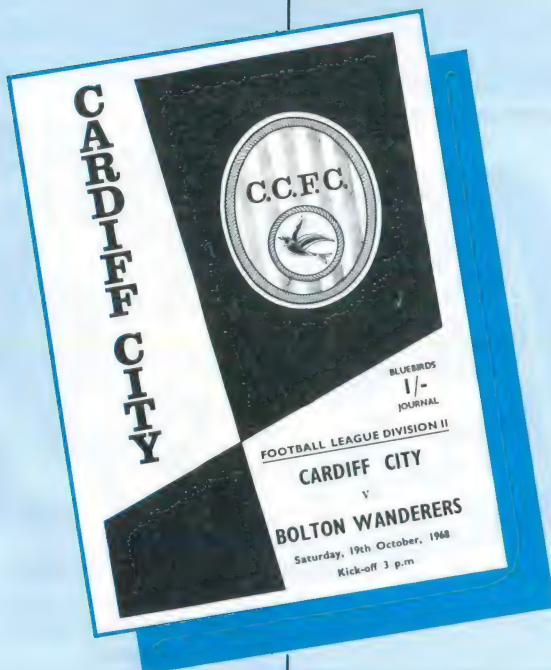


**19th October, 1968.**

### **Division Two**

**Cardiff City . . . . . 0**

**Bolton Wanderers . . 2**  
**(Wharton, Taylor)**



Our fine 3-1 victory at Prenton Park earlier this month saw Tranmere produce a 32 page programme priced at 70p. An attractive cover gave an indication of some good things in store inside the issue but although it was interesting to read in patches it was not as impressive as I had been led to believe.

Colourful and bright inside the programme, interesting articles included 'In Opposition', a very good run down on the Wanderers and 'Passing Back', a look back at previous meetings between the two sides. 'Question Time' was informative with Tranmere's Dave Martindale in the firing line.

Overall the programme was well designed and produced, value for money at 70p with Editor Peter Bishop doing a fine job for the Merseyside club.







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# Wanderers INFO

## Junior Whites



**Next  
Junior Whites  
meeting**

**Monday  
22nd January, 1990.  
6.30 p.m.**

### TODAY'S REFEREE

**G. APLIN  
(Kendal)**

Mr. Aplin commenced refereeing in 1969 with the Westmorland League and progressed via Lancashire Combination to the Football League. Important matches officiated in include Linesman at 1987 European Cup tie between Ajax v Hamburg and also Referee at last season's Football League Centenary Festival at Wembley. He is married with three children and hobbies include cricket, fishing and travelling.



### TODAY'S MASCOT

**Paul Jackson**

Paul is 9 years old and attends Church Road C.P. School. His favourite players are Mark Came, David Felgate, Tony Philliskirk, and David Reeves.

### DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City ....	23	13	5	5	32	20	44
Notts Co .....	24	12	7	5	36	25	43
Bristol R. ....	23	11	9	3	31	17	42
Bolton W .....	23	10	9	4	35	25	39
Bury .....	24	11	6	7	41	31	39
Huddersfield	23	10	9	4	32	27	39
Rotherham U.	24	10	7	7	47	31	37
Tranmere R. ...	23	10	5	8	41	27	35
Birm'gham C. ...	23	9	5	9	27	28	32
Northampton	23	8	7	8	30	31	31
Shrewsbury T	23	8	6	9	34	33	30
Fulham .....	24	7	9	8	28	29	30
Swansea .....	23	8	6	9	21	32	30
Wigan Ath .....	23	7	8	8	25	29	29
Preston .....	24	8	5	11	36	43	29
Leyton Orient	24	8	4	12	31	38	28
Crewe Alex ...	23	6	9	8	27	28	27
Reading .....	22	6	9	7	25	29	27
Brentford .....	24	8	3	13	35	40	27
Chester .....	24	6	9	9	24	34	27
Cardiff .....	22	6	8	8	28	33	26
Blackpool .....	23	5	7	11	20	29	22
Mansfield .....	23	6	4	13	23	35	22
Walsall .....	23	5	6	12	19	34	21

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**BOLTON WANDERERS v ROTHERHAM UNITED**  
Leyland DAF Cup  
Wednesday, 31st January, 1990 • Kick-Off 7.30 p.m.

**RESERVES v WEST BROM. ALBION**  
Pontin's League  
Wednesday, 24th January, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.





**BOLTON WANDERERS**  
*White Shirts/Blue Shorts*

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Paul COMSTIVE
- 5 Dean CROMBIE
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

**TODAYS LINE UP**

**CARDIFF CITY**  
*Blue Shirts/White Shorts*

- 1 Rodger HANSBURY
- 2 Ian RODGERSON
- 3 Ray DANIEL
- 4 Leigh BARNARD
- 5 Gareth ABRAHAM
- 6 Roger GIBBINS
- 7 Jonathan MORGAN
- 8 Coen GRIFFITHS
- 9 Chris PIKE
- 10 Jason PERRY
- 11 Mark KELLY
- 12
- 14

Today's Officials

Referee: G. Aplin

Linesmen: M.J. Stoddart (Red) G.J. Wilkinson (Yellow)

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